

**Westchase Community Association**

**Background**

The proposal for a new crosswalk on Linebaugh Avenue is intended to improve accessibility and enhance safety from West Park Village (WPV) to Westchase Elementary School. While the intention is to benefit the community, substantial concerns arise from this proposal:

* **Current Infrastructure:** Existing traffic lights and crossing guards at Linebaugh and Montague intersections already facilitate safe passage for WPV students, complemented by available school bus transportation.
* **Traffic Congestion:** An additional crossing point may increase traffic congestion on an already busy thoroughfare during school hours.
* **Impact on Local Businesses:** The addition of a proposed crosswalk could lead to misuse of business parking lots across from the school. This can significantly disrupt local commerce and reduce customer accessibility.
* **Financial Considerations:** Cutting through the Linebaugh median to construct this crosswalk is projected to cost $1,000,000. Additional crossing guards would likely be required, creating a long-term operational expense. These funds could be redirected towards more pressing infrastructure needs across Hillsborough County that benefit a greater portion of the community.

**Petition Statement**

We, the undersigned residents and members of the Westchase Community Association, hereby express opposition to the construction of a crosswalk on W. Linebaugh Avenue at Westchase Elementary. We urge Hillsborough County Commissioners to reconsider the allocation of resources towards this project, recognizing the sufficient existing safety measures and the broader community needs.

**Call to Action**

We request that the County Commissioners vote against the proposed crosswalk project and consider more impactful infrastructure improvements that more effectively use taxpayer dollars.

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